

Checkup

How did you do in your Bible reading this past week?

What did you read, and what did you learn?

Self-Evaluation

What type of person are you when it comes to the Bible's commands?

- The Convicted Compliant — you immediately obey even before fully understanding.
- The Loophole Investigator — you investigate first to see if the command really applies to you today.
- The Inspired Contemplator — you feel a sense of conviction about the passage but often don't let it result in behavior changes
- The Disregarding Doubter — you have doubts but don't have time to do more investigation, so you basically just disregard it.
- Something Else?

Is there a command or guideline in the Bible that you know about but you aren't living up to? Are you willing to share it with the group?

On Sunday, I claimed that a major problem we have when it comes to obeying the Bible is that we don't actually trust it. We don't trust that it is still the authoritative, infallible Word of God, still, for us, today. Is that a fair assessment? Why do you think people struggle to trust the Bible?

How would you rank your level of trust in the Bible?

Building Trust

Consider the following trust-building claims:

- The books currently in the NT were written under the authority of people who saw Jesus alive after he had been crucified.
- The books currently in the Protestant OT were quoted and confirmed by Jesus and the other NT writers.
- The transmission of both OT and NT has resulted in a modern text that represents the original with roughly 95% accuracy.
- People who take the Bible seriously are blessed by it.

Do those statements strengthen your trust in the Bible? Which one helps most?

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